

Council on Aging Board Meeting

February 9, 2005

In Attendance:

Chairman Paul Keegan, Board Members Al Crommett, Helen McLaughlin, Tim Swiss, Helene Tanenholtz and Director Sharon Yager.

I. Chairman's Comments:

Paul opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Minutes of the January 12th meeting were reviewed and accepted. Paul noted that on Saturday, February 5, the COA proposed budget for FY 2006 was discussed with the Finance Committee. Our original request for town funding for part-time positions for a Front Desk Clerk, Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator was noted, but this will not be possible at this time.

II. Director's Comments:

Sharon distributed a copy of her 2004 Report to the Town. Further information and comments were around the following agenda items.

III. Liaison Reports:

Central MA Agency on Aging: No report. Sharon will follow up to ask Vicky Zwerdling and CMAA for an update on meetings.

Friends of the SCCC, Inc.: Helene attended yesterday's Board meeting. Interesting programs are planned for their upcoming third Tuesday of the month general meetings.

Shrewsbury Community Partnership for Children: Still seeking a representative.

Elder Services, Worcester/Outreach: Walter's written report with statistics on his activity was distributed and appreciation expressed for his work.

Volunteer Services: Elaine's written report was distributed. Our annual recognition of volunteers will be on April 29th with Elaine to make a determination on gifts.

IV. Old Business:

Review Draft of New Grant Position: The position of Office Receptionist had been drafted in 2001 and was the basis for our revised fifteen hour, four day a week paid position from the formula Grant. It will be advertised with the plan that a person can be hired and start at the beginning of March.

Continue Strategic Planning Discussion: A Workshop will tentatively be in March.

Nutrition Update: The Age Center is interviewing for a Meal Site Manager.

Transportation Follow Up: Helen reported information for group planning from the Mechanics Hall Brown Bag Lunch program and Foothills Theater matinees.

V. New Business:

Legislative News: Both Representative Karyn Polito and Senator Edward Augustus will be having office hours at the Senior Center.

News from MCOA: The organization is lobbying for an additional \$1 million in the Formula Grant for the needs of seniors.

Joint MCOA/CEMACA Membership Meeting at Calvary Retreat Center this month:
Sharon said that the 61 cities and town of Central MA will be represented. Planning is going forward for the Annual MCOA Conference in mid-September 2005 in Sturbridge. In 2006 it will be scheduled for a Fall weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helene Tanenholtz, Secretary pro tem
;